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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present application is related by subject matter to the inventions disclosed in the following commonly assigned application: U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(not yet assigned)~~ ~~(Atty. Docket No. MSFT-3030/307230.01)~~ 10/776,664, filed on ~~even date herewith~~, February 10, 2004, now U.S. Patent No. 7,437,346, issued on October 14, 2008, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR A LARGE OBJECT INFRASTRUCTURE IN A DATABASE SYSTEM", the entirety of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.